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DEAR GEORGE,

THIS EPISTLE MIGHT BRING YOU
PARTLY UP-TO-DATE AFTER WHAT MIGHT BE
CALLED THE LAST GREAT UPHEAVAL IN MY ROCKLOSS
LIFE.

I EXPOUT MATTHEW MENTIONED MY
MUSIC TEACHER WHO WAS IN THE WATER WITH
ME LAST TIME HE VISITED WHITTON. DAWN
BEAUMONT, WHOM I MET LAST YEAR IS A PRODUCT
OF THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORUM AND TEACHES PIANO,
ORGAN AND SINGING— AN ACCOMPLISHED MEZZO-SOPRANO;
WE ARE IN GREAT DEMAND HERE AS DUETISTS (NOT
YET DUELISTS!) I HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL ACCORDS
IN REGARD TO WEDDINGS THAT HAVE INCLUDED ME IN
THE CEREMONIES. WE, PRIVATELY, HAVE A WONDERFUL
RELATIONSHIP AND THERE IS DEFINITELY A ROMANCE GOING.
IT'S WELL KNOWN OF COURSE AND CONSEQUENTLY THE
DUET BOOKINGS ARE QUITE FREQUENT. DAWN, ORIGINALLY
FROM SYDNEY, WAS A POLIO VICTIM AT AGE 3. WEARING A
FULL LENGTH CALIPER ON THE RIGHT LEG, THE LEFT IS
ALSO VERY "WOBBLY." DRIVES AN AUTOMATIC CAR USING
THE LEFT FOOT IS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THAT BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT
CHAPTER OF MY REPORT. AM NOW PUBLICITY OFFICER
FOR GRIFFITH DISABLED PERSONS. THIS INVOLVES, WRITING
LETTERS, NEWS ARTICLES, REPORTS AND HAVE ALSO APPEARED
ON T.V. LOCALLY IN REGARD TO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE GROUP.

I HAD TO VACATE THE OLD FARM HOUSE
AT WHITTON AS THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD TO A FAMILY
OF VEGETABLE GROWERS WHO NEEDED BOTH COTTAGES FOR
THEMSELVES AND EMPLOYEES. I NOW HAVE A
BOUT FLAT COMPLETE WITH WORKSHOP FOR ENGRAVING

AND STORAGE OF MOST OF MY FURNITURE. IF MY ROMANCE PROGRESSES TILLYS MIGHT BE ANOTHER SHORT MOVIE AGAIN.

YOUR NEPHEW CHRIS AND HIS MISSUS, TINA, HAVE SOLD THEIR HOUSE AT COAL POINT AND TAKEN THEIR DAUGHTER AMY TO ANOTHER HOUSE, BIGGER, ABOUT 1 KILOMETRE AWAY, TO KILARSEN BAY. THEY NEED A BIGGER HOUSE NOW AS TILLYS'LL BE A BROTHER OR SISTER FOR AMY, HOUSE IN MARCH.

MARCH OF COURSE IS MUM'S BIRTHDAY MONTH. SHE IS QUITE WELL, BUT HAS HER UPS AND DOWNS HEALTHWISE. I GUESS 83 YEARS TAKES ITS TOLL. SHE IS QUITE CONTENT AT THE VILLA AS WELL SHE MIGHT BE. IT COST ME THE EARTH TO FINALLY GET HER SETTLED. I'M NEARLY BROKE AS A RESULT AND BEING SEMI-RETIRED WITH NO CURRENT INCOME SAVE FROM A BIT OF ENGRAVING, LIFE'S NOT REAL EASY. I'LL DO ONE MORE SEASON AT THE WHITTON POOL, THEN OCT. 84 I'LL GO OUT ON THE SERVICE PENSION. AT LEAST I'LL HAVE A LITTLE MONEY THEN. I CAN'T HOLD MUM ANYMORE, THOUGH HER PENSION IS ABOUT ALL SHE NEEDS — BUT HER DEMANDS ARE A BIT OF A DRAKE. AS YOU KNOW SHE LIKES EXPENSIVE GEAR. JUST BOUGHT HER TWO NEW PAIRS OF FOOTWEAR SHOES \$82 EACH PAIR, A NEW WOOLEN SKIRT AND DRESS — TOTAL \$148. I NEED ABOUT \$6000 TO PUT ME BACK TO NORMAL PRE-CRISIS TIMES.

BACK TO DAWN AGAIN ON A DIFFERENT TASK. SHE HAS 3 DAUGHTERS — ONE A NURSING AID HERE IN GRIFFITH WITH AN OLDER ONE AND A YOUNGER ONE IN SYDNEY. THE YOUNGEST IS A TRAINEE NURSE AT CANBERRA. THE OLDEST, NARELLE, GRADUATED AS B.Sc. THIS YEAR MAJORING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. SHE IS EMPLOYED BY SYDNEY COUNTY COUNCIL. SOME YEARS AGO SHE WENT TO THE U.S.A. AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT. NEXT YEAR SHE IS TO BE MARRIED AND WITH THE

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FUTURE SPOUSE WANTS TO GO TO AMERICA TO POSSIBLY WORK TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE IN HER FIELD. I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'LL GO RE A WORK PERMIT SO I THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU WHAT HER CHANCES WOULD BE WITH I.B.M. OR SIMILAR.... AND IS THERE ANYWAY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST, AND WOULD THERE BE ANY POINT IN HER SEEKING AN INTERVIEW WITH YOU.

THE MACHINERY THAT M.I.A.R.P. INDUSTRIES PURCHASED FOLLOWING MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY CONTACT YOU RE PRICES OR SOMETHING, IS QUITE INTERESTING. IT SEEMS THERE ARE 3 SEPARATE GADGETS WHICH I MUST TAKE TIME TO EXAMINE CLOSELY. ONE, (I THINK) PRODUCES A MASTER, ONE FUSES IT (I THINK) AND THE OTHER DOES THE COPYING (I THINK). YOU'D PROBABLY KNOW MORE ABOUT IT. M.I.A.R.P. (MARRIMBIDGE, IRRIGATION, AREA, RETARDED, PERSONS WORKSHOP HAVE ABOUT 40 YOUNG PEOPLE EMPLOYED AND THESE ARE MEMBERS OF OUR DISABLED GROUP. LAST SUMMER I INTRODUCED A MONTHLY BAR-B-Q PICNIC AT WHITTEN POOL FOR THE GROUP AND NOW, DURING WINTER, I'VE MANAGED TO BORROW THE GRIFFITH POLICE BOYS BUS WHICH I DRIVE AND TOGETHER WITH ABOUT 8 OR 9 CARS WE HAVE GREAT PICNICS ONCE A MONTH. COOPARA NATIONAL PARK WAS ONE NOTABLE OUTING FOLLOWING WHICH I WROTE A REPORT/ARTICLE FOR THE LOCAL PAPER. THIS RESULTED IN AN INVITATION FROM COLEAMBALLY LIONS TO VISIT THAT TOWN WHERE THEIR CLUB ENTERTAINED OUR WHOLE GROUP TO A TERRIFIC BAR-B-Q AND PICNIC.

AM ENCLOSED A COUPLE OF SNIPPETS FROM THE LOCAL RAG AND A PHOTO OF GESS WHO. THE BIT HEADED "SPIRITS HELPING RESEARCH," IS ONE OF MY FEIBLE ATTEMPTS AT JOURNALISM. ABOUT 70 PEOPLE FILLED DAVID'S MUSIC ROOM AND FLOWED INTO THE DINING AREA

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ZEONIE AND DON WERE A BIT OF A DISAPPOINTMENT
BUT CYDARIE PLAYED "BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH," AND "HONEY SUCKLE
ROSE," ON THE ORGAN — SHE'S 11 YRS. JOHN AT
16 PLAYED A SCHUBERT CLASSIC AND THEN SANG. BOTH
OF THEM ARE TWO OF DAWNS 80 PUPILS. DAWNS
SOLOS WERE, "CAN'T HELP LOVIN DAT MAN," AND "DON'T
CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA." OUR DUETS WERE, "PEOPLE
WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE," "MAKE BELIEVE," AND "ALL STILL
SUITS ME." I DID, "LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDOROUS THING,"
"IF I LOVE YOU," AND "OLE MAN RIVER." ONE OTHER
DUET WE OPENED THE EVENING WITH WAS, "IT'S A GRAND NIGHT
FOR SINGING." AFTER 16 YEARS OF NOT SINGING, MY
TEACHER IS RIGHT ON MY BACK MAKING ME DO SCALES
AND OTHER EXERCISES DAILY ALMOST. NOW AFTER 11 MONTHS
I'M NEARLY READY FOR A VOCAL DUEL WITH PAVAROTTI
(I DON'T THINK). DID YOU WATCH THE SUTHERLAND/PAVAROTTI
SIMULCAST. WE PIRATED THE MUSIC ON TAPE — MAGNIFICENT.
DAWNS CLASSICAL/OPERATIC TASTE HAS INFLUENCED MY
MUSIC PALATE AND STRANGELY MY JAZZ RECORD COLLECTION
HAS FOUND ITS WAY ONTO DAWNS HI FI TURNTABLE
EVERY WEEKEND — GREAT!!!

INCIDENTALLY THE LOCAL C.W.A.'S RAISED ENOUGH
MONEY TO PURCHASE 3 OF THE SUBCUTANEOUS WHARFHAMACALLIS.

DROP ME A LINE

WHEN YOU CAN

Alfred